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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-534 (Sub-No. 3X)

June 28, 2007

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

() Notice of Exemption (X) Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on May 25, 2007 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended one environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, SEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

Prior to any salvaging activities, Lake State Railway Company shall consult with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regarding its concerns about hazardous substances that may be located on the rail line right-of-way and shall comply with its reasonable requirements.

If the above condition is imposed, SEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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